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SUBJECT: TEXT OF JOINT FRG-FINNISH DECLARATION

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BEGIN SUMMARY: ON MARCH 25 IN BONN, THE FRG AND FINLAND INITIALED THE TEXT OF A JOINT DECLARATION, WHICH IS BUILT AROUND THE FRG PLEDGE TO RESPECT FINLAND'S NEUTRALITY. THE TEXT WAS INITIALED BY VAN WELL FOR THE FRG AND BY FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL DEPT CHIEF GUSTAVSON FOR FINLAND. TEXT FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

BEGIN TEXT

JOINT DECLARATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND
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THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND

I

IN THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS IN QUESTIONS OF THE GUARANTEEING OF SECURITY IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND WILL BE GUIDED BY THE GOALS AND PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS THEY WILL SETTLE POSSIBLE DISPUTES EXCLUSIVELY BY PEACEFUL MEANS, AND IN MATTERS AFFECTING EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AS WELL AS THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS THEY WILL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 2 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, REFRAIN FROM THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE.

II

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND ARE AGREED THAT THE PROCESS OF DETENTE, MUTUAL TRUST AND COOPERATION INTRODUCED IN EUROPE IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE MAINTENANCE AND STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND TO THE WELFARE OF THEIR COUNTRIES. THEY HOLD THAT IT IS IN KEEPING WITH THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT ALL MEASURES THAT ARE LIKELY TO PROMOTE THIS PROCESS.

III

REFERRING TO FINLAND'S DECLARED DETERMINATION TO REMAIN OUTSIDE THE CONFLICTING INTERESTS OF THE BIG POWERS, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DECLARIES THAT IT RESPECTS FINLAND'S INTENTION OF PURSUING A POLICY OF NEUTRALITY. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY APPRECIATES FINLAND'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ON THIS BASIS FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND PEACEFUL COOPERATION WITH ALL COUNTRIES AND PARTICULARLY WITH ITS NEIGHBORS AS WELL AS THE BALTIC SEA COUNTRIES.

IV

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND DECLARE THEIR INTENTION FURTHER TO DEVELOP THE
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MANIFOLD GOOD RELATIONS THAT HAVE FOR A LONG TIME BEEN EXISTING BETWEEN THEM. TO THIS END THEY WILL EXAMINE ALL POSSIBILITIES OF A FURTHER PROMOTION OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

V

A PART OF THE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS WHICH AT THE

END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR WERE OPEN BETWEEN GERMANY AND FINLAND AND FOR WHICH A LIABILITY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY COMES INTO QUESTION, HAS BEEN FINALLY SETTLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT ON GERMAN FOREIGN DEBTS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1953. POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FINNISH DEMANDS, PROVIDED THEY INVOLVE JUSTIFIED CLAIMS, HAVE TO BE SETTLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF SAID AGREEMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID AGREEMENT, AN EXAMINATION OF FINNISH DEMANDS WHICH STEM FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR OR HAVE ARISEN DURING THAT TIME, IS POSTPONED ACCORDING TO SAID AGREEMENT.

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